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SUBJECT: SECOND ROUND OF LABOR MANAGEMENT MEETINGS WITH GOVT

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1. LABOR SUBSECRETARY JERONIMO AROZAMENA HAS ANNOUNCED
A SECOND ROUND OF MEDTINGS WITH THE TRADE UNIONS (AUGUST
23) AND EMPLOYERS (AUGUST 24). PRESUMABLY WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE TECNICAL JOINT COMMISSION OF EXPERTS
PROPOSED AUGUST 4 BY PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ (REFTEL) THE
COMMISSION WITH BE RPESIDED OVER BY JOSE RAMON ALZAREZ
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DIRECTION MINISTRY OF ECONOMY)- AND ON THE GOVT SIDE IN ADDITION
TO AROZAMENA WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MINISTERIES OF
COMMERCE ECONOMY, AND FINANCE CHARGED WITH IMPLEMENTING
THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY MEASURES THE GOVT PLANS TO PUT
INTO EFFECT.

2. IN A COMMUNIQUE, THE SOCIALIST UGT STRESSED THE

"INFORMATIVE AND CLARIFYING NATURE" OF THESE CONTACTS WITH THE GOVT WHICH SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH "EVENTUAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVT ON ECONOMIC THESES" THE UGT ALSO EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE MEETINGS SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO JUST THE "BIG THREE" UNIONS (UGT, COMMUNISTS DOMINATED WORKERS COMMISSION/SWC AND CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST USO). IN THE SAME VEIN, THE BASQUE STV TOLD THE LABATT THAT THEY HAD PROTESTED TO AROZAMENA REGARDING THEIR EXCLUSION FROM THESE LABOR GOVT MEETINGS. SUBSEQUENTLY, AROZAMENA ADVISED THE PRESS THAT "OTHER TRADE UNIONS WITH REAL STRENGTH IN THE COUNTRY" MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS.

3. THE EMBASSY WOULD COMMENT THAT UGT EFFORTS TO EXPAND THE CIRCLE OF TRADE UNION PARTICIPANTS ARE DIRECTLY AIMED AT AVOIDING ISOLATION IN ANY SWC INSPIRED "UNITY OF ACTION" OR UNITED FRONT SCHEMES. UGT INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY MANUEL SIMON TOLD US AUGUST 18 THAT THEIR SMALL DELEGATION WOULD BE LEAD BY UGT ECONOMIC EXPERT JOACHIM ALMUNA-STABLER

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